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SIR JAMES SOUTH ON CHRONOMETERS.

In 1868 was proved the testament of Sir JAMES SOUTH, the astronomer, giving a pocket chronometer to the EARL OF SHAFTESBURY, to the EARL OF ROSSE, and to Mr. A. J. STEPHENS, "in the full confidence" he observes, "that they would respectively use and wear them in the same manner as I am in the habit of wearing my chronometer—namely, in my pantaloons pocket, properly so called."

PERSONAL NOTE REGARDING PROFESSOR MICHELSON.

"WORCESTER (MASS.), January 16, 1892.

"ALBERT A. MICHELSON, of CLARK University, has been invited by the International Bureau of Weights and Measures to spend the coming summer at the Bureau's laboratory at Breteuil, near Paris, for the purpose of establishing the metric standard in terms of wave-lengths of light. He is asked to make the basis of units of length natural instead of arbitrary.

"This invitation is an honor both to American scholarship and to CLARK University. The invitation of the international committee has been accepted by Professor MICHELSON, with the formal approval of the president and trustees of CLARK University."—Telegram to S. F. *Chronicle*.

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BERLINER JAHRBUCH: for 1883, 1886-7-8, 4 vols., 8vo.

BODE'S JAHRBUCH: for 1795-6-7-8 and 1800, 5 vols., 12mo.

GOULD: Uranometria Argentina (the text only), 1 vol., 4to.

HERSCHEL and MAIN: Catalogue of Double Stars, 1 vol., 4to.

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